

Mihai Vinereanu, *Nostratic Roots in Romanian Language / Rădăcini Nostratice în Limba Română*. Edited by Corina Firuță. București: Alcor Edimpex, 2010. 143 pp. ISBN: 978-973-8160-40-8.

This work lists 216 Nostratic roots from *The Nostratic Macrofamily: A Study in Distant Linguistic Relationship* by Allan R. Bomhard and John C. Kerns (Berlin and New York, NY: Mouton de Gruyter [1994]) which have correspondences in the Romanian language. Though the book is aimed primarily at a Romanian audience, it is accompanied by an English translation throughout. It should be noted that there are some minor differences between the English and Romanian versions.

The book begins with a short Introduction that summarizes basic information about comparative-historical linguistics, Proto-Indo-European, the Nostratic hypothesis, ethnology, and archeology. In the Introduction, the author notes that only 14% of the Romanian lexicon has cognates in other Romance languages, while approximately 60% is of Thracian-Dacian origin. For details, readers are referred to the author's *Dicționar Etimologic al Limbii Române (Pe baza cercetărilor de Indo-Europenistică)* [Etymological Dictionary of the Romanian Language] (București: Alcor Edimpex [2008]).

The Introduction is followed by an in-depth discussion, which forms the bulk of this work, of the 216 Nostratic roots and their Romanian correspondences. The Nostratic material is presented in tabular format. These tables are well-designed and easy to follow. The putative Romanian derivatives immediately follow the tables. The discussions range in length from one line to several paragraphs.

The book ends with an index of Romanian words cited in the text and a list of references. Though, in general, the work is well-edited, a number of typographical errors managed to elude detection. Also, the English version could have benefited from proofreading by a native speaker.

The book was written primarily for Romanian linguists and for the Romanian general public. There are very few people in Romania who know anything about Nostratic. Therefore, Vinereanu wrote this book to familiarize them with this new field. The Romanian words discussed in this book are, in general, common words, more or less known by any educated native speaker of Romanian. Thus, the work serves as a useful supplement to the author's Romanian etymological dictionary mentioned above.

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